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House Resolution 1654

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Crawford of the 16<sup>th</sup>, and Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Chief Hubert L. "Frog" Smith and inviting him to be recognized by the House
- 2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Chief Hubert L. "Frog" Smith is highly regarded by the citizens of this state and
- 4 by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
- 5 sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Chief Smith earned associate's degrees in psychology and criminal justice from
- 7 Floyd Junior College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Berry College, and is a
- 8 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and Law Enforcement
- 9 Executive Development Seminar; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
- 11 States Air Force, and began his distinguished career in law enforcement in 1966 as a patrol
- officer with the City of Rome Police Department, advancing through the ranks over the years
- to obtain the position of Chief of Police on September 1, 1991; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Chief Smith has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
- 15 throughout his 44-year career, including a Heart of the Community Award, a 1991 Officer
- of the Year Award from the Noon Optimist Club of Rome, and an Organized Labor's Pride,
- 17 Integrity, and Guts Award; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 2009, Chief Smith was honored by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of
- 19 Police with a Police Chief of the Year Award and a President's Award; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Chief Smith is an active member and past president
- 21 of the Noon Optimist Club, serves as chairman of the Rome/Floyd Committee for Citizen's
- 22 with Disabilities, and has served on the Georgia Board of Public Safety, the Northwest
- 23 Georgia Credit Union Board of Directors, and the Open Door Home Board of Trustees; and

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24 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to his wife Mary for over 45 wonderful

- years, and they have been blessed with a son, Jeff, and two grandchildren; and
- 26 WHEREAS, Chief Smith has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
- 27 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and
- 28 effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and
- 29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
- 30 dedicated public service of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 32 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Chief Hubert L.
- 33 "Frog" Smith in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for four decades and invite
- 34 him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined
- 35 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Hubert L. "Frog"
- 38 Smith.